year 1992-92 has been set at Rs. 57850 crores.

Sharp Spurt in Imports

4195. SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a sharp spurt in imports showing a rise by 24.71 per cent at 3.66 billion U.S. Dollars, as reported in the Hindu dated the 2nd August, 1992 in the first two months i.e. April and May of the current fiscal year 1992-93 compared to the same period of 1991-92;

(b) whether this is due to the liberalisation policy;

(c) what is the trade deficit in the months of April and May in 1992-93; and

(d) what steps are being taken by Government to contain the alarmingly widening trade deficits?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) Accord to the provisional estimates, India's imports during April-May 1992 amounted to US Dollar 3.61 billion as compared to US Dollar 2.90 billion during April-May 1991, thereby registering an increase of 24.71 per cent.

(b) The high growth in percentage terms during the current year 1992-93 is due to the lower base of imports during 1991-92. The imports were compressed by 19.4 per cent in US Dollar Terms during 1991-92, due to critical Balance of Payments situation. The imports are effected to meet the requirements of essential commodities for domestic consumption, to maintain higher levels of industrial production for domestic use and for exports and to upgrade industrial technology and technical know-how.

The trade deficit in April-May, 1992-93 amounted to US Dollar 945 million.

(d) Several changes in trade policy were introduced since July 1991 aimed at strengthening export incentives, eliminating a substantial volume of import licensing and rationalising the import tariff structure. Rupee has been made partially convertible to encourage generation of foreign exchange. These have been further consolidated in the new Export-Import policy which, inter-alia, aims to promote productivity modernisation and competitiveness of Indian industry and thereby to entrance its export capabilities. The policy also seeks to promote efficient and internationally competitive import substitution and self reliance under a deregulated frame work for foreign trade.

Contracts placed by DGS & D

4196. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

SHRI IQBAL SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be please to state:

(a) what is the total amount of contracts placed by the Department of Supply (DGS&D) for purchase of stores during the last three years;

(b) the names of the first ten parties who have been awarded the highest value of contracts in order and the respective amount against each one of them; and

(c) the number of years these ten parties have been getting the contracts?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) During the last three years the total amount of contracts placed by the Department of Supply (DGS&D) are as under:—

1989-90	. .	Rs. 3186.93 crores
1990-91	. .	Rs. 3222·90 crores
1991-92	. .	Rs. 3160·91 crores (Prov.)

(b) The names of the first ten parties who have been awarded the highest value of contracts in order during the year and within three years are given in the statements 1, 2, 3 and 4 enclosed (See below)

(c) All the firms who find a place in the three statements 1, 2, and 3 have been awarded contracts in all the three years but the value of order differ year to year. The statement at 4 indicate the names of the firms who have been awarded highest value of contracts concluded for three years. They have been awarded contracts in the earlier years also.

Statement 1

List of ten firms which have been awarded highest value of orders placed by DGS & D during 1989-90

Sl. No.	Name of the firms	Value of orders placed by DGS&D in Crores Rs.
1	Indian Oil Corporation	1166·56
2	Hindustan Petroleum Corporations	175·44
3	Bharat Petroleum Corporation	156·99
4	Hindustan Paper Corporation	81·77
5	Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd.	81·04
6	Tata Locomotive & Engg. Ltd.	60·44
7	National Textile Corporation	35·94
8	Udaipur Cement Works	33·81
9	National Jute Manufacturing Corpn.	27·08
10	Garden Reach Ship Builders & Engr. Ltd.	24·04

Statement 2

List of ten firms which have been awarded highest value of orders placed by DGS & D during 1990-91

Sl. No.	Name of the firms	Value of orders placed by DGS & D in Crores Rs.
1	Indian Oil Corporation	1165.63
2	Bharat Petroleum Corporation	178.72
3	Hindustan Petroleum Corporation	177.41
4	Tata Locomotives & Engg. Co. Ltd.	58.52
5	Raymonds Cement Works	44.36
6	Birla Jute Mrg. Co., Ltd.	43.14
7	Hindustan Paper Corporation	42.37
8	National Jute Mrg. Corporation	36.80
9	National Textile Corporation	36.78
10	J.K. Cement Works	31.48

Statement 3

List of ten firms which have been awarded highest value of orders placed by DGS & D during 1991-92 (*Prov.*)

Sl. No.	Name of the firms	Value of orders placed by DGS&D in Crores Rs.
1	Indian Oil Corporation	1263.12
2	Bharat Petroleum Corporation	205.13
3	Hindustan Petroleum Corporation	199.93
4	Tata Locomotive & Engg. Co. Ltd.	51.50
5	Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd.	47.22
6	Serum Institute of India	43.57
7	Hindustan Latex Ltd.	35.13
8	National Jute Mfg. Corporation	31.39
9	Rassi Cement Ltd.	30.99
10	National Textile Corporation	30.75

Statement 4

List of ten firms which have been awarded highest value of orders placed by DGS & D during the years 1989-90 *to* 1991-92 *in how many years*

Sl. No.	Name of the firms	Value in Crores Rs.	In how many years
1	Indian Oil Corporation	3595.31	3
2	Hindustan Petroleum Corporation	552.78	3
3	Bharat Petroleum Corporation	540.84	3
4	Tata Locomotives & Engg. Co. Ltd.	170.46	3
5	Mahindra & Mahindra	148.27	3
6	Hindustan Paper Corporation;	147.96	3
7	National Textile Corporation	103.47	3
8	National Jute Mftg.	95.27	3
9	Reymond Cement Works;	95.25	3
10	Serum Institute of India	83.53	3